

# COMMISSION ON DISABILITY, TOWN OF ARLINGTON

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## Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2013

Members in Attendance: Kerrie Fallon, Rachel Buonopane, Janice Dallas, John Thompson, Susan James, Maureen St. Hilaire, Molly Flueckiger, Heidi Hample

Members Absent: Mike Rademacher

Others Present: Jack Jones, ADA Coordinator

Meeting began at 4:10 pm

1. **Meeting minutes from 12/19/12 reviewed and accepted**
2. **Business Cards**
  - Commission members double checked format of cards and info to be printed on the cards for individual commission members
3. **Warrant Article Submission**
  - Commission members discussed the previous warrant articles submitted
  - Jack distributed a handout with summaries of previous submissions and summaries of responses from the Town
  - Members concerned about the clearing of curb cut ramps (article 8) with a response of no action. It was however accepted as a town policy. Question of who is responsible for clearing of curb cuts, owners vs the town. Discussion of recommending addition of curb cut clearing to owner sidewalk clearing bylaw. Will follow up with Mike before and/or at next meeting.
  - Concern about the elderly and disabled populations with the clearing of snow. To prevent ticketing. Check on possible shoveling programs in place.
  - *Jack to check with town social worker regarding pricing.*
  - Commission members agreed that it is too late to properly submit an article this year
  - Commission will review the current articles that will be submitted to the Town this year to screen if they are helpful or hurtful to the disability population
4. **Invite to Economic Development Coordinator and Others**
  - Invite to Allen Manoian (Arlington business Development Coordinator) and Greg Ames (Mass Rehab Commission) to the next meeting in February
5. **CDBG Funding Requests due by February 20, 2013**
  - Community development grant money

- Usually about \$120,000, can be used towards curb cut ramps

**6. Annual Town Report Submission**

- Jack typed up and distributed overview of commission activity in 2012 and plans for 2013 to be submitted to the town, commission members reviewed

**7. Plans for 2013**

- 2 guests to speak at next meeting in February
- Greg Ames- to speak about the upcoming job fair that is co-sponsored by the commission for 5-10 minutes
- Allen Manoian- to speak about business accessibility within the town for 15-20 minutes
- February meeting- discuss what each commission member finds important for the Commission to address, what we are individually passionate about. Will make a list and prioritize. Discuss what works within the context of the commission and what doesn't.
- Review list of calls that are made to the ADA office each month- what happens to these calls and where do they go and how are they addressed

**Ideas and Questions**

- Ideas- survey people in town and find out the names of agencies with group homes in Arlington, how can we help?
- Questions? Are ADA requirements a line item in the recreation department budget? Medical Marijuana?

**Meeting adjourned 6:04 pm**

**Next Meeting set February 20, 2013**